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COUNTY APPLIES FOR AID FOR STORM RELIEF

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Director Lee R. Ware and Freeholder Beth Timberman, Chair of the County Transportation, Tourism, and Agriculture Committee, today announced that the County will be applying for funding through the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program to assist with repairs to both residential and public property damaged as a result of the August 14, 2011 storm.

"The County is applying through the South Jersey Economic Development District for two grants that will help us rebuild after the devastating storm of August 14th," said Director Ware. "One grant will only be able to be utilized by the County, but the other grant will make funds available to provide home rehabilitation funding for those properties which had damage as a result of the storm."

The first grant of $500,000 will be utilized to secure funding for the stabilization of or repair to infrastructure and/or community facilities damaged in the recent flooding event that pose a serious and immediate threat to health and welfare of the County.

The second grant of $350,000 will provide housing rehabilitation funds/emergency housing repair for residents of Salem County whose homes were affected by the recent flood events.

"While we await word on FEMA Aid to our County, we are being aggressive in going after funding to assist our residents," said Freeholder Timberman. "The South Jersey Economic Development District has been a valued partner in securing grant funding for our county. We are very hopeful in securing these funds, which will not only assist the County, but will be a direct assistance to our residents."

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 6, at 3 PM in the Old Salem County Court House located at 1 East Broadway & Market Street, Salem, NJ 08079.

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